

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 through 40 are pending in the application. Claims 2-39 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and Claim 1 has been amended. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks.

Allowable Claims

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowability of Claim 40 and for indicating that Claim 24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, para. 2

In the Office Action, Claims 27-39 were “rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claims the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.” Applicants have canceled Claims 27-39, which renders these rejections moot.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

In the Office Action, Claims 1-8, 27-29 and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. Application No. 2004/0030330 to Brassel, et al. (hereinafter “Brassel”). Applicants have canceled Claims 2-8, 27-29 and 33, which renders the rejections of these claims moot.

With respect to Claim 1, Applicants have amended Claim 1 to add the limitations of Claims 23 and 24 and submit that amended Claim 1 is now allowable because Brassel does not teach or suggest the features of the tactile feedback mechanism, as claimed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that all pending claims of the application, *i.e.*, Claims 1 and 40 are now in condition for allowance. In view of the foregoing remarks, early and favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner desire a telephonic interview to resolve any matters, he is sincerely invited to contact the undersigned at (303) 581-6831.

Please charge any deficiency, as well as any other fee(s) that may become due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and/or 1.17 at any time during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment of such fee(s), to Deposit Account No. 21-0550.

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